

SOUVENIR OF FLOOD



GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

MARCH, 1904.



It is our aim to illustrate in this Souvenir the dire calamities which have befallen this city in the month of March, 1904. The first calamity, of which we show two views, was the tornado which swept over the southeastern part of the city, known as Oakdale, on the evening of March 24th. In a few moments it had demolished houses, churches and everything which happened in its path, leaving numerous families shelterless and destroying much property.

About the same time Grand River assumed such proportions as to endanger much property. On the morning of Friday, March 25th, the stage of Grand River, according to the engineer's gauge, was 14.6 feet, while the highest point recorded was on Monday, when the gauge registered 19.6 feet, showing a total rise of five feet.

The rise was much more rapid than the fall, the river remaining stationary for almost twenty-four hours. During this time the water rose to the second story of many dwellings and even to the roofs of others situated on lower ground. Row-boats and naphtha launches were used on many streets by relief parties who brought food and fuel to the imprisoned inmates.

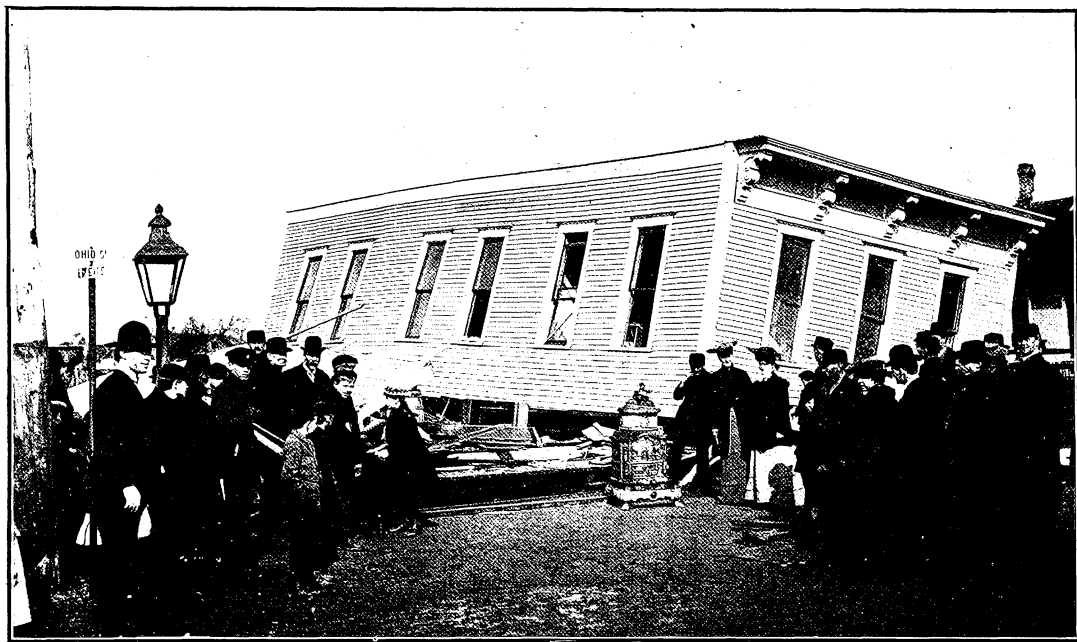
We have also shown herein several views taken after the flood subsided, showing some of the damage resulting from the same.

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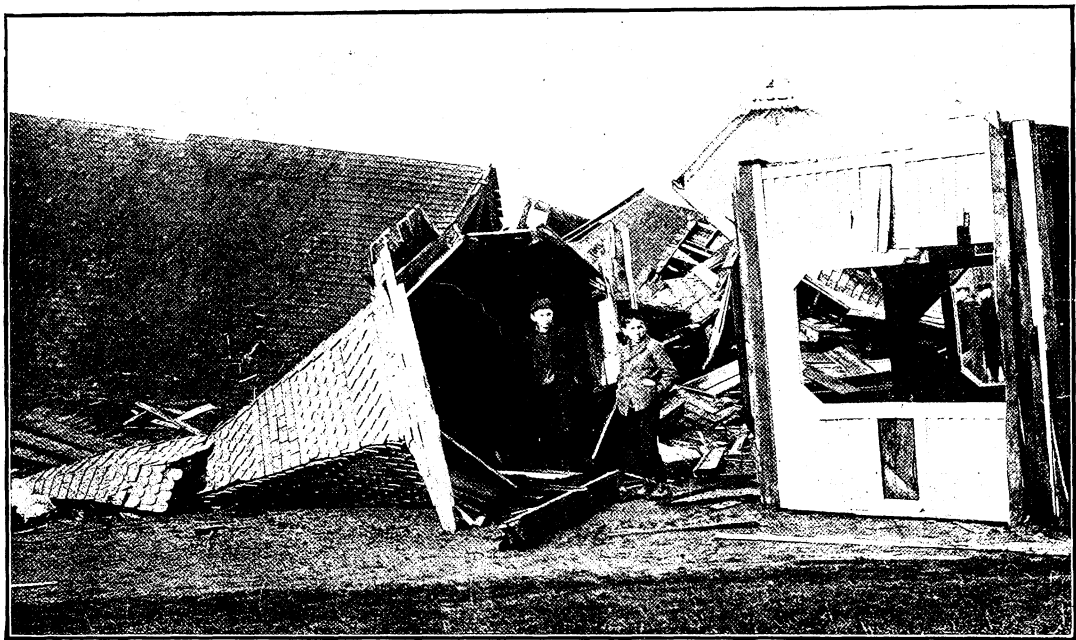
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Vanderwerk's Grocery Store, formerly a two story building.



Oakdale Church.



Halliday Lumber Co.'s Yard, corner Broadway and Seventh Streets, looking west.



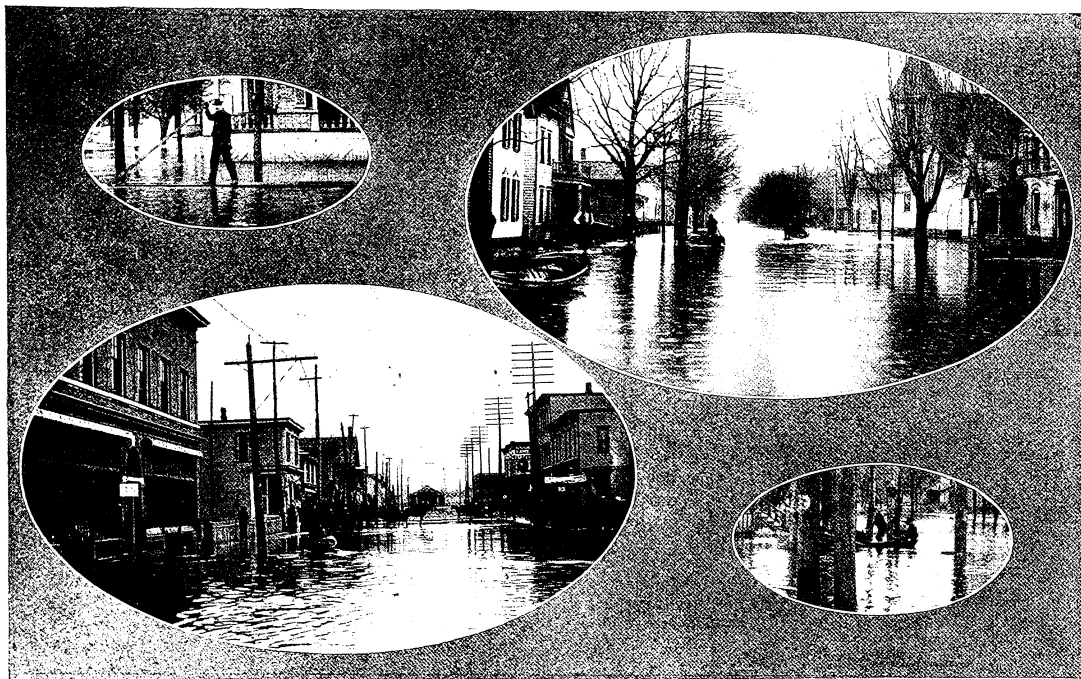
No. 311 Broadway.



Basement Eagle Hotel.

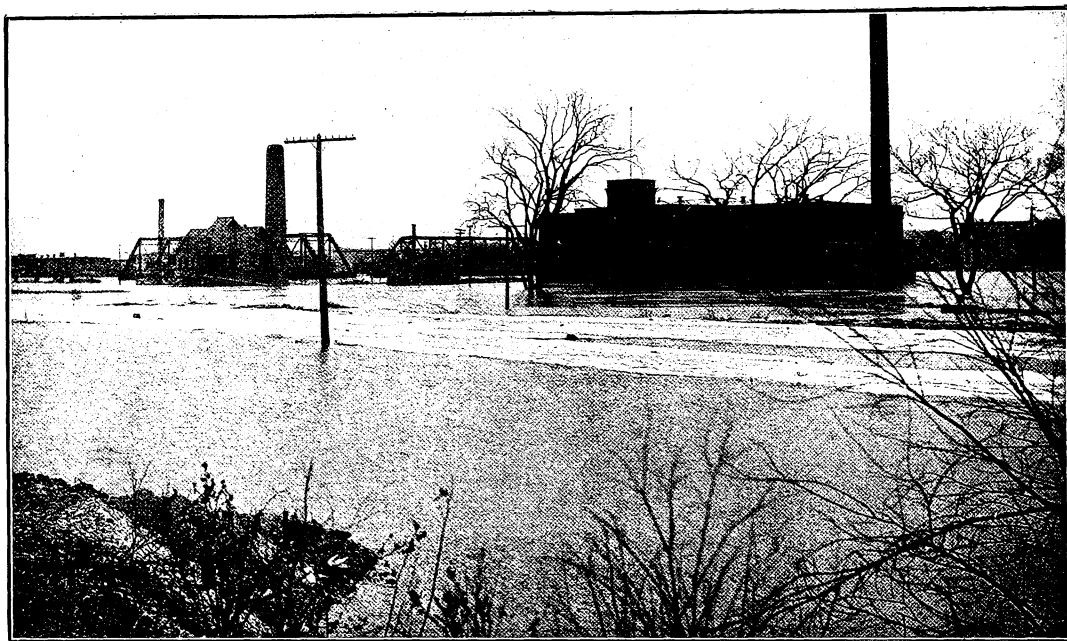


South Market Street, at the Gas Co.'s plant.



Looking west on Leonard Street.

Gold Street looking north from Shawmut Avenue.



City Lighting and Garbage Plants on the Island.



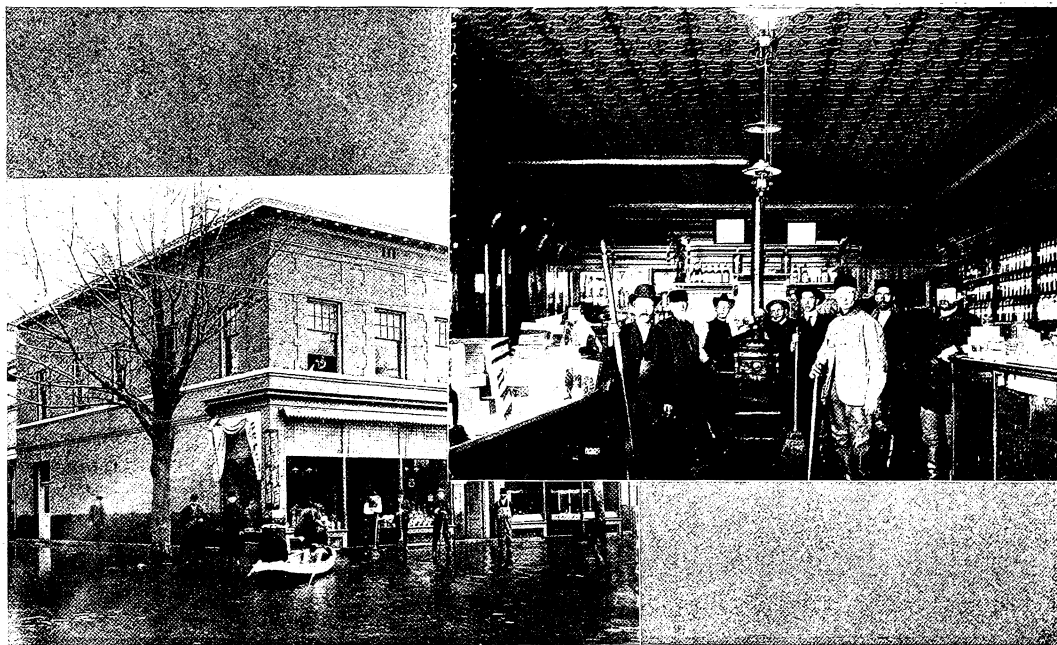
Relief Party on West Leonard Street.



West Bridge Street, looking west from Broadway.



Broadway, looking north from West Bridge Street.



Exterior and Interior of Steketee's Drug Store on West Leonard Street,



Fulton Street, looking west from Front Street.



Scene on West Leonard Street, sleigh floated two blocks before it landed in this doorway.



Corner Pearl and Front Streets.



Looking south-west from Bridge Street on Winter Street.



Corner Winter and West Bridge Streets (a relief boat).



Scene on Tenth Street between Turner and Broadway.



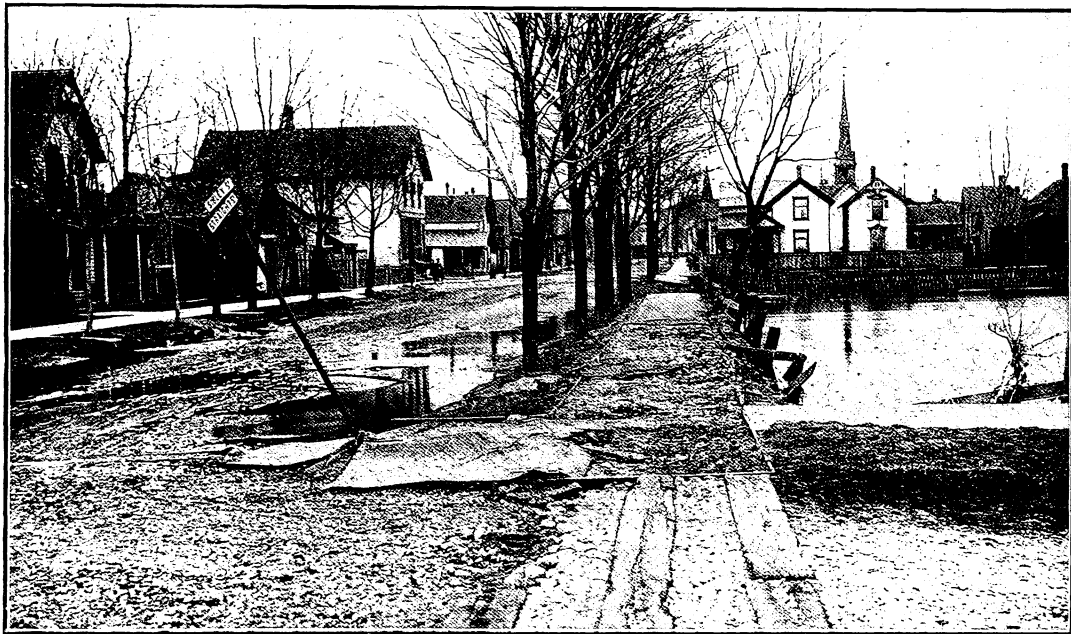
6½ lb. Catfish caught in yard on Turner St. by this boy.



Corner Turner and Eighth Street.



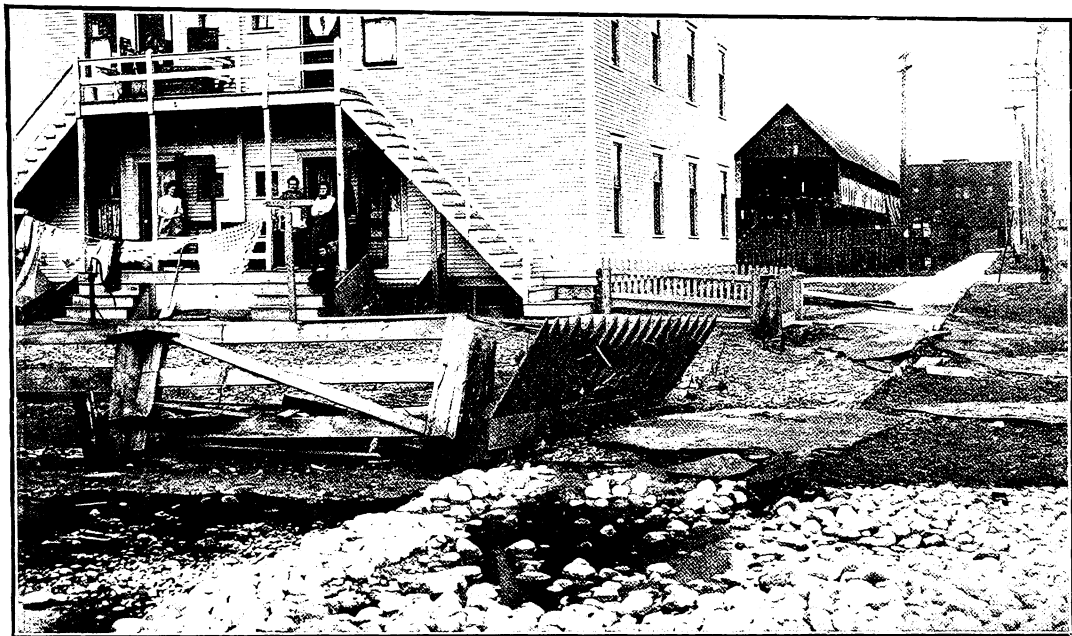
Just south of Webster Street on west side of Turner Street.



Northeast Corner of Sibley and Straight Streets, looking west.



Lumber and Wood Yard, Seventh Street, looking east.



Northwest Corner of Webster and Turner Streets.

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